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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA

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1. I ASKED ACTING DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT TORNUDD ON MAY 13 IF GOF HAD REACHED DECISION ON ACCEPTING REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA. TORNUDD REPLIED THAT THIS QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS GROUP OF CABINET AND THAT THIS GROUP HAD NOT MET SINCE AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION WITH MFA SECGEN TUOVINEN SOME TEN DAYS AGO. TORNUDD DID NOT KNOW WHEN THIS GROUP WOULD MEET NEXT.

2. TORNUDD STATED THAT FINLAND WAS NOT A TRADITIONAL RECEIVER OF REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND HE BELIEVED FINLAND WOULD PREFER TO GIVE FINANCIAL AID TOWARDS RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES RATHER THAN ACCEPT ANY REFUGEES THEMSELVES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE SAID GOF HAD RECEIVED APPEAL FROM UNHCR ON MATTER.

3. I TOLD TORNUDD THAT WHILE FINLAND WAS INDEED NOT AN IMPORTER OF LABOR, NOR TRADITIONAL RECEIVER OF REFUGEES, FINLAND HAD ACCEPTED BETWEEN 100 AND 200 REFUGEES FROM CHILE. FINNISH ACCEPTANCE OF EVEN A SMALL NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA WOULD SHOW THAT FINLAND IS MOVED BY HUMANITARIAN, AND NOT JUST POLITICAL, FACTORS.

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